



No Child Left Behind Summer Reading Achievers



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Dear Parent,

With the end of the school year quickly upon us, we know that you are making plans for your child's summer vacation activities. Like most parents, you are aware that while the summer months are a welcome opportunity for fun and relaxation, the break from school activities often causes students to experience a lag in learning upon returning to school in the fall.

In an effort to lessen this effect, the U.S. Department of Education has teamed with the Albuquerque Public Schools to implement the No Child Left Behind Summer Reading Achievers program. This program aims to help reduce the usual summer reading learning loss by providing incentives for students to read over the summer.

The guidelines for the program are simple. Participating students are asked to read 10 age-appropriate books over the summer vacation and write a very short statement regarding what they liked about each book. Students who complete at least 10 books will receive a certificate along with a free, new book. Students who read more than 10 books will be eligible for other incentives as well.

We hope that you will encourage your child to read over the summer months. Please look over your child's reading logs in the enclosed brochure periodically and remind your child that reading is important and fun, too. If you have younger children, please be aware that books you read with your children can be counted toward their 10 books.

Also enclosed is a program fact sheet, listing several national organizations who have volunteered to partner with us in this program. We are also joining forces with local groups who provide camps and other summer activities for youth to ensure that they receive lots of support this summer as they work to achieve their reading goals.

We hope that you will join us in this important effort and assist your child in becoming a Summer Reading Achiever.

Sincerely,

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U.S. Secretary of Education

Enclosures

